Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2005/080510.

Please add new claims 8-16 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (new): A contactor comprising:

an electromagnetic operating mechanism having a solenoid coil;

a plurality of main contacts;

a plurality of main terminals;

a plurality of control terminals connectable to the solenoid coil;

a plurality of control sockets connected to the solenoid coil;

a main housing having a housing front and including a lower housing part at least partially accommodating the electromagnetic operating mechanism and the control sockets, and an upper housing part accommodating the main contacts and the main terminals, the upper housing part having main terminal sides defined by main terminal openings to the main terminals and a housing side extending perpendicular to the housing front and the main terminal sides, the upper housing part being set back on the housing side so as to form a step recess;

a connection module containing the control terminals and having control terminal openings defining respective control terminal sides of the control terminals, the control terminal sides extending parallel to the main terminal sides of the upper housing part, the connection module further having front operating openings to the control terminals configured to be accessed by tools in a direction perpendicular to the housing front, the connection module configured to mount on the

upper housing part so as to at least partially fill the step recess and so that the control terminals are disposed in front of a plane of the main terminals as viewed in a direction of the housing front; and

a plurality of connecting conductors protruding from the connection module into the main housing and connecting the control terminals to the control sockets.

Claim 9 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 8, wherein the connection module has a cover element and a base element, the front operating openings being formed in the cover element, and the connecting conductors protruding from a rear of the base element, the base element and the cover element configured to be joined together so as to securing the control terminals disposed therebetween.

Claim 10 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 9, wherein the cover element is configured to be snap-fitted to the base element.

Claim 11 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 9, wherein the control terminal openings are disposed between the cover element and base element.

Claim 12 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 8, wherein the control terminals are integrally formed in one piece with the connecting conductors.

Claim 13 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 12, wherein the connecting conductors are bar-shaped.

Claim 14 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 13, wherein each of the control terminals includes a jaw-like blade socket for receiving a control-terminal side conductor end of a respective bar-shaped connecting conductor.

Claim 15 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 9, wherein the cover element includes a plurality of insertion openings and wherein each of the control terminals includes an extension portion having a socket-like opening disposed in alignment a respective insertion opening.

Claim 16 (new): The contactor as recited in claim 15, wherein the insertion openings are configured to receive an add-on module.